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FINAL TEXT OF A TREATY ON AN AFRICAN NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE

Letter dated 16 January 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué from the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued in Algiers on 12 January 1995 following the depositing of the instruments of accession by Algeria to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons simultaneously with the depositary States of the Treaty (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the agenda items entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", "General and complete disarmament", "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" and "Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone".

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 12 January 1995 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria

On this day, 12 January 1995, Algeria has deposited the instruments of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons simultaneously in London, Moscow and Washington, the capitals of the depositary States of the Treaty.

Through this act, which is part of a consistent approach to all the questions of disarmament and non-proliferation, Algeria thus confirms its unequivocal commitment in favour of the peaceful use of atomic energy and its determination to continue to make its contribution to the multilateral task of general and complete disarmament.

In so doing, Algeria remains convinced of the need for all States to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and make their nuclear installations subject to the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Algeria also remains confident that the obligations under the Treaty with regard to guarantees for the non-nuclear-weapon States and in the field of the transfer of technology will speedily lead to concrete measures to ensure the requisite universality of the Treaty.

In this spirit, Algeria will not fail, at the forthcoming Review and Extension Conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to work, in its new capacity as a State party, to ensure that the Treaty becomes an effective instrument for promoting collective security and international cooperation.